

Represented by The Campos Firm, Roberto Antonio Garay Saravia, a Former U.S.-Trained Salvadoran Special Forces Colonel, Has Been Exonerated

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Former Salvadoran Military Officer Accused of 1980s War Crimes wins landmark case against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

CLEVELAND--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The Campos Firm, with a focus on Immigration law and Federal Criminal Defense, today announced that it has secured a legal victory for its client, **Robert Antonio Garay Saravia**.

Arrested in April 2023 in New Jersey, Garay Saravia was accused by The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) of assisting or otherwise participating in extrajudicial killings for his alleged role in El Mozote, a tragic event that occurred in El Salvador in December 1981 during the country's civil war that resulted in the death of many civilians. Additionally, Garay Saravia was accused of willful misrepresentation on his application to enter the United States as a Permanent Resident.

In the landmark decision, the U.S. Department of Justice has cleared Garay Saravia of all three charges following his arrest by ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations officers and Homeland Security Investigations agents. The judgement officially exonerates Garay Saravia and, as a result, permits him to reside in the United States rather than face deportation.

"Today, we are pleased to announce that Roberto Antonio Garay Saravia has been vindicated of all charges brought against him by the United States Government," stated Jose Campos, Esq., Managing Attorney, The Campos Firm. "While we acknowledge that tragic events, including the loss of lives, take place during civil wars and the Salvadoran civil war is no exception, our client simply is not the man the U.S. government accused him of being. Following a

thorough and impartial judicial process, it has been determined that the accusations against Mr. Garay Saravia are unfounded. We are grateful that this is behind him, and that he may now move on with his life.”

This exoneration marks a significant turning point in the life of Roberto Antonio Garay Saravia, who has long maintained his innocence in this matter. It is a testament to the principles of justice and due process upheld by the United States legal system.

“Mr. Garay Saravia wants the world to know that this verdict, and the commitment of our firm, have given him a chance to reclaim his life,” stated Jose Campos, Esq., The Campos Firm. “Our firm has always believed in Mr. Garay Saravia, and we worked vigorously to advocate for him. He expressed that he is truly grateful and looks forward to moving past this challenging time.”

In a press release issued by DHS addressing Mr. Garay Saravia’s arrest, former DHS Deputy Secretary John K. Tien stated, “Individuals who have committed atrocities overseas will not find safe haven in the United States.” While this statement underscores the commitment of the United States to uphold justice, it also underscores the importance of a fair and thorough examination of each case, ensuring that innocent people are not wrongly accused. In this case, the exoneration of Roberto Antonio Garay Saravia demonstrates the commitment to justice and fairness that underpins the values of the United States.

The link for the case decision can be found **here**.

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